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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**SOUND MUFFLER DEVICE FOR USE WITH A PORTABLE PHONE AND
METHOD AND SYSTEM IN ELECTRONIC COMMERCE FOR
5 RESERVATION AND LEASE OF THE SOUND MUFFLER DEVICE**

A sound muffling device, cup, or mask, fits over a portion of a user's face and surrounds the user's mouth. The user speaks into the sound muffling device, which
10 also includes some method for directing the user's speech into a portable phone. A user's conversation on a portable phone can remain confidential and does not disturb nearby persons. Conversely, the conversation is isolated from the interference of nearby noise. Other
15 features, such as reserving or leasing the use of the sound muffling device, is also described.